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Tennessee Sends 9-1-1 Resources to Alabama for Hurricane Sally Recovery

Nashville, Tenn. – The State of Tennessee has deployed a team of 9-1-1 emergency response personnel to Alabama to help local first responders with answering emergency calls and dispatching resources in Hurricane Sally's aftermath.

"Tennessee's 9-1-1 professionals work every day to save lives in dire situations and I'm proud we have a team helping Alabama in their time of need" TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan said. "We are thankful for them and for their families who allow them to volunteer and leverage their skills and experience to aid our neighbors."

The Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (TERT) includes a total of 9 members representing departments from the following Tennessee agencies and counties:

- Tennessee Highway Patrol
- Jefferson County 9-1-1
- Hamilton County 9-1-1
- Loudon County 9-1-1
- Dickson County 9-1-1
- Metro Nashville 9-1-1

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is coordinating Tennessee's Hurricane Sally deployments through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The task force will deploy for 9 days and will provide critical telecommunications support.

Hurricane Sally made landfall Wednesday near Gulf Shores, Alabama as a Category 2 hurricane. The storm left a path of destruction including flooded neighborhoods and thousands of homes without power.

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